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The Circulation of The Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any in the state. It is delivered to over 2,000 of the 4,000 houses in Norwich, and read by ninety-three per cent. of the people. In Windham it is delivered to over 900 houses. In Putnam and Danielson to over 1,100, and in all of these places it is considered the local daily.

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BROTHERHOOD DAY.

The popularity of Mother's day and the speed with which it has nearly compassed the nation has prompted the Philadelphia Times to suggest that the human heart may be ready to recognize and welcome a broader day which shall be Christian in the fullest sense and with little fostering of the sense with all nations of the earth. The Times says:

"It might be better if, instead of limiting the observance to the honoring of one member of the family, we should exalt for a day the faith and affection that should be in the heart of each for the other.

"Brotherhood day, for instance, would include mothers, fathers, friends, enemies, mankind of every description. We have such a day for Christmas, the day when 'good will to men' is the text.

"Since that day is limited to Christians and has become largely a time for gorging and for the indiscriminate exchange of gifts, it would seem that there is room for a day upon which Jew, gentile, agnostic, and pagan might clasp hands across their differences in token of a common understanding and universal affection."

This is worth thinking about—not the abolishment of Mother's day, but the observance of a day when religious and racial prejudices are forgotten, and we recognize the divine relation and fellowship of man.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH PORTO RICO?

Just at present Porto Rico is an object lesson to those who would place the government of the Philippines in the hands of the Filipinos. The government was fast to give the Porto Ricans self-government, and it finds itself embarrassed now because the people were not ready for it. It did not possess sufficient intelligence. It is revealed that nine-tenths of the people are illiterate and that they have a dangerous superstition of politicians who are inspired by personal motives rather than by the well being of the state. President Taft, in his message, recommends revision of the Foraker act, so that the government can arbitrarily collect revenues and compel the support of the administration, since the house of the Porto Rican legislature has twice refused to vote appropriations for the support of the government.

The situation is far from agreeable, and it is clear that these brewers of trouble among the people would lead them contrary to their personal interests. The government cannot afford to be balked and must act with decision in the premises.

A THING THAT WAS BETTER DONE.

The Hains trial has brought forth from the Kansas City trial the avowal that our fathers tried murderers more sensibly and more effectively than we do, and The Bulletin is ready to O.K. this statement. Between the unwritten law theories, the crazy defenses, the alienists called in and the able lawyer's hypothetical questions, justice has a weary and heart-sickening time.

The lawyer for Hains occupied a whole day reading a hypothetical question to the jury—a question which ran over a full 8-column page of The Bulletin before the interrogation point was reached, and then it was answered by an expert, who quite likely helped to prepare it, with "Yes," which meant that Hains was insane when he shot Annis and was not then much better. He will not be any better until he is discharged and then he will be well. This is the travesty upon justice which in the 19th century is representing 19th century methods—methods which are alienating to all honest, law observing citizens and may truly be denounced as "a reproach to intelligence and an outrage upon justice."

Hains was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree, and was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment. As a deliberate murderer, he has no reason to have much respect for the law, although its failure to give him his just deserts may awaken in him a sense of gratitude.

The up hill and down of Norwich does not fit a Marathon race, and yet it is not likely to make a mint of it.

The Princess of Orange weighed six and a half pounds. She just escaped being an incubator baby.

A QUESTION OF SENTENCES.

There is not the difference in the sentence of James Boyle and his wife which there seems to be on the face of the courts' decrees. James Boyle, with a straight sentence for life, is good for 20 years under the averages made by statisticians of life sentences for a generation or two. Mrs. Boyle gets 25 years and a fine of \$5,000, which, as fines are worked out in this state, means 35 years more if she has not the money to pay it, and it is not probable that she has. The total then of her sentence is equivalent to 60 years, and as she is 23, if the sentence should be carried out, it would mean her release at the age of 83. Under these conditions the prospects of both are about even. The crime they committed is properly classed among the worst offenses human beings can be guilty of, and there is no particular sympathy for them; but why should a court of justice deliver its decrees in this confusing style?

NOT MORE THAN ONE FLOGGING A MONTH.

James N. States of Meriden, a trustee of the Meriden Reform School for Boys, says that Judge Mathewson's opposition to the school is a personal matter and with reference to the flogging of the boys he tells a representative of the New Haven Evening Register that the judge's statement says the boys are whipped with hickory sticks, Mr. States.

"There never was a case of that kind, to my knowledge. If a boy is punished, it is under the direction of the superintendent, and no other officer is allowed to have him punished. He don't suppose there is one whipping a month, and when there it is no worse than a boy would get at home. In regard to the judge's statement about close confinement and bread and water diet, I simply don't believe it. There is no close confinement and no bread and water diet."

"We never consider a boy is sent to the school for punishment. He is sent for reformation solely, and after a fair hearing and schooling he is fitted to cope with the world. I guess when this whole matter is boiled down, it will be found to be a personal matter between the judge, Mr. Parker and the superintendent."

The one whipping a month constitutes just twelve whippings too many a year. The Bulletin does not share in Judge Mathewson's prejudices, but it thinks that flogging in every public institution upon earth should be made an end of.

SPRING CLEANING.

Women who enjoy clean homes are up to their ears in work, while the husbands who dislike the confusion of it are skipping their dinners at home and patronizing the restaurants, and we are the victims of a half-dozen vacuum sweepers the homes of Norwich are being made cleaner than ever, and it would be a good thing if the cellars and yards were, too.

The out-of-doors cleaning habit seems to be catching, and some streets look prim and clean because it is the habit of the residents to clean their lawns, mow their lawns, and sweep their walks and once a week to rake the street in front of their premises. When the new family moves to such a street as this they are not long in catching the habit through their ambition to keep their places looking as well as the rest.

The slack, Peter Tumbledown neighborhood has no standard of cleanliness and is a dirt in case, red with mud and odors. They have become so accustomed to these unhealthy conditions that anything else seems to be vanity—or putting on style with them. Nothing short of the board of health and the presence of a sheriff can move them, but in the interest of general healthfulness they should be moved.

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THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

PAYING MARJORIE'S FARE.

"Taxes!" said the conductor in a loud voice. "Papers!"

As he came down the car Marjorie fumbled in her bag for her purse. Finding it, she searched again, and this time very carefully. Everything but the object looked for rewarded her efforts. Where could it be? Like a flash she thought came to her mind that she had left it in her desk in the office. What should she do? It would do no good to get off the car and go back for the building was locked and she had no key.

"Fares!" Marjorie looked up, tremblingly, at the formidable conductor.

"I left my purse in the—" she began.

But the conductor, who was not in a particularly good humor this evening, and who had heard that story so many times before, interrupted her. "Then you'd have to get off at the next stop, miss. Sorry, but we're told such things so often—"

"I will pay the lady's fare," said a stern voice at the conductor's elbow. A tall young man had risen, and was holding out a nickel to him. When the conductor took it, he turned and looked down at Marjorie, smiling cordially.

"Why, good evening, Miss Brown! I'm glad to be able to serve you."

Marjorie was astounded. The man was a perfect stranger, but intuitively she understood his kindness, and answered him accordingly. He could not understand, she told herself, how grateful she was to him. And what a splendid thing it was! One thing was puzzling her greatly. Although he was a stranger, he had addressed her by her right name.

He left the car after a stop or two, and they said good night like old acquaintances. The girl caught herself wishing that she could see him again, but when she thought that she would probably never see him again, she could not help sighing.

Marjorie thought long that night of the handsome stranger. And in the days that followed her thoughts had a habit of centering themselves around a fair hearing and schooling he is fitted to cope with the world. I guess when this whole matter is boiled down, it will be found to be a personal matter between the judge, Mr. Parker and the superintendent."

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out to Trenton he was in her thoughts. Her friend, Kathleen, greeted her with unusual warmth, and there was mischievous twinkle in her eye, but Marjorie did not notice it.

"Mr. Harcourt, who was Frank's chum at college, is here," she said. "He is a splendid fellow, and I tell you, he's splendid. If it wasn't for Jack there's no telling what I should do."

Marjorie answered indifferently. "What did she care about Frank's chum? Now, if it were only someone else, it would be quite different."

As the two girls entered the library Kathleen's brother came forward and greeted Marjorie warmly. Another man, tall and broad-shouldered, rose quickly from a chair, with a cry of pleasure as he saw Marjorie. And she, in spite of herself, blushed faintly.

Kathleen smilingly introduced the two. "It is very plain that you two have met," she added.

"They did not deny it," Marjorie said. "I was the happiest evening of my life, and when she started for home Mr. Harcourt asked if he might accompany her to the car. The girl shyly consented. As they walked along they chatted gayly and it seemed to Marjorie as if they were old friends. It made her very happy to know that Mr. Harcourt was interested in her."

As they stood waiting for her car Marjorie drew a nickel from her purse and handed it to him.

"You can never know how grateful I was," she said. "She paused, smiling a little. 'You can keep that nickel for the time when you've forgotten your other money,' she said, and she disappeared."

"I shall never part with it," he said in a tone that brought the crimson to her cheeks.

"I've wondered how you knew my name that night," she said, after a short silence.

"I was down here last fall for just a day or so," he replied. "And Kathleen showed me your picture. It was such a good likeness that I knew you almost at once."

At this moment the car came along and he saw the only time before bidding Marjorie good night to see if he might call to see her the following evening. She very happily told him that he might.

In the days that followed Mr. Harcourt called not only once but many times, and before a year had gone by he had asked Marjorie the right to pay her fare through life, and she, realizing how much she needed him to look out for her, did not say no. — Boston Post.

Legal Holidays.

The United States has no national holidays. France has 35, England 33, Germany 30 and Russia 31. These days of rest include Sundays. If the council of the empire of Russia should, as it proposes, cut off 32 holidays, it is estimated that it will save to Russia a billion dollars a year.

This is probably an excess statement of loss made to induce the church and intoxication in seed and harvest time.

Massachusetts has only seven legal holidays. The first Monday in September, Thanksgiving day and Christmas. So we have three more free days than the rest of the world.

The president's proclamation of a holiday, like Thanksgiving, makes it legal only in the District of Columbia and the territories.

In a short time there will be plans laid for a Fourth of July celebration. Perhaps it is not too early to suggest that noise, the killing and maiming of people, fire and the destruction of property, indiscriminate sales of explosives and dangerous fireworks, plumes and the like are neither conducive to patriotism nor do they lead to uplifting citizenship. — Boston Post.

Well Advised.

Our own E. D. Smith is not the only Smith in the United States senate, but only one of the three hundred or so charged in the various newspaper indictments against him, claiming that "those who are familiar with matters in the senate would not credit me with any such foolish utterances" and that he has been mixed up with one of the other Smiths. We are sure that there is no disposition to misrepresent him; and after awhile, perhaps, if he will only keep quiet and say nothing, tarrying at Jericho until his beard be grown, we shall all be able to get the range on him, and then—but it will be time enough to determine when then comes. — Charleston News and Courier.

Middletown to Have Big Celebration.

That Middletown is to have a big celebration June 9 and 10, seems to be assured, in spite of the opposition of a few. The finance committee has raised practically all of the amount it set out to obtain. The general committee will meet next Monday night to make further plans for the affair.

The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, of Connecticut are to be invited to their annual field day at Middletown at the time of the celebration. Companies from all over the state are to attend the field day and their presence.

MAKING LIGHT OF IT.

The lighting contract controversy in Boston has generated more heat than light up to date. — Lowell Courier-Intelligencer.

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